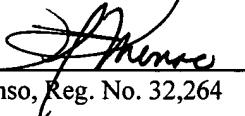


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**RESPONSE**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 16, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application for U.S. patent.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Oath and Declaration as originally filed in the parent application, Serial No. 08/368,378, of which the above-identified application is a continuation. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted).

Should the Examiner have any questions or require additional information or

clarification, Applicant requests that the Examiner immediately contact the attorney of record herein, Peter J. Manso, at the phone numbers noted below.

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